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Applicant(s): Yuichi SHIBATA et al.  
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For: MICROSCOPIC FLUID CONTROLLING METHOD AND  
MICROSCOPIC FLUID CONTROLLING APPARATUS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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February 23, 2005

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, as listed in the following, and  
as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.